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1. ROBERTO HERRERA IBARGUEN, FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER AND MEMBER OF GUATEMALA'S NEGOTIATING TEAM DURING THE RECENT DISCUSSION IN WASHINGTON, GAVE ME A REVEALING SIDELIGHT YESTERDAY ON THE ROWLANDS TALKS HERE THIS WEEK. IN A PRIVATE CONVERSATION AT A RECEPTION, HE EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT AT THE LIMITED RESULTS OF THE ROWLANDS TALKS, POINTING OUT THAT NO PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE ON THE ISSUE OF TERRITORY, WHICH HE NOTED WAS AFTER ALL THE CRUCIAL ISSUE. HE SAID IT WAS NOT CLEAR TO HIM WHY THIS WAS SO AS THE GUATEMALANS HAD BEEN PREPARED TO CARRY THIS SUBJECT FURTHER. HE SAID THE ONLY THING THAT HAD HAPPENED WAS THAT CORTAZZI, DEPUTY MINISTER OF STATE FCO, HAD SUGGESTED THAT A TEAM OF NEGOTIATORS -- APPARENTLY MENTIONING SPECIFICALLY SKINNER-KLEE -- MIGHT CONSIDER COMING TO LONDON IN ADVANCE OF THE SEPTEMBER MEETING BETWEEN FOREIGN MINISTER MOLINA AND ROWLANDS TO EXPLORE MORE DEFINITELY THE POSSIBILITY OF A TERRITORIAL LINE BASED MORE OR LESS ON THE MOHO.

2. HERRERA DID NOT PUT THE BLAME FOR THIS DISAPPOINTING LACK OF PROGRESS ON EITHER SIDE ALTHOUGH THE IMPLICATION SEEMED TO BE THAT THE GUATEMALANS WERE READY FOR A

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MORE EXPLICIT INITIATIVE ON TERRITORY FROM THE BRITISH SIDE WHICH NEVER CAME. I HAVE AN APPOINTMENT WITH FOREIGN MINISTER MOLINA ON MONDAY ON OTHER MATTERS AND IT MAY BE THAT THIS CONVERSATION WILL SHED FURTHER LIGHT.

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